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Mr. Francois Jacob Pasteur Institute 28 Ru du Dr. Roux Paris 15 FRANCE

My dear Jacob:

This is just to acknowledge the safe arrival of the cultures that you sent to us under the labels Y10 and W705. They appear to be in good order except that W705 has become maltose positive. This alteration in stock cultures is not a new experience to us.

With best season's greetings and regards to everyone.

Yours sincerely.

Joshua Lederberg

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P.S. Your letter just arrived. The girl you are asking about is Naomi Cohn, and you can address her c/o the Department of Bacteriology here. I have personally had very little contact with this work and so can offer no opinion on it.